

Ways and Means Committee Meeting

AGENDA

December 5, 2012

Immediately Upon Adjournment

- I. Election of Committee Officers
- II. Welcome and Introduction of New Committee Members
- III. Adoption of Committee Rules
- IV. Committee Administrative Business
- V. Closing Remarks

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE RULES

As approved on November 18, 2010

1. The Rules of the House as they are now or as hereafter adopted shall be the House Ways and Means Committee rules as determined to be appropriate by the Chairman and except as otherwise provided below.
2. At the organizational session at the beginning of each two-year session, the Committee shall elect a 1st Vice-Chairman, a 2nd Vice-Chairman, a 3rd Vice-Chairman, and Secretary/Treasurer. The 1st Vice-Chairman shall preside over Committee meetings in the absence of the Chairman. The 2nd Vice-Chairman shall preside over Committee meetings in the absence of the Chairman and 1st Vice-Chairman.
3. The Chairman shall determine the number and size of subcommittees. The Chairman shall appoint subcommittee chairmen and may appoint other subcommittee officers. Legislation is assigned to a subcommittee at the discretion of the Chairman and the Chairman may modify assignments, as he deems appropriate. The Chairman may appoint ad hoc subcommittees to study specific legislation and/or issues. An ad hoc subcommittee shall cease to exist upon completion of the assigned task(s).
4. Any legislation that receives a favorable motion to adjourn debate at either a sub-committee or committee hearing will not be immediately placed on the next meeting agenda for that subcommittee or the committee. It will only be placed on a future agenda at the discretion of the full committee chairman.
5. A matter to be considered at a meeting shall be listed on the agenda. Preparation of the agenda for a Committee meeting and designation of the meeting time is the responsibility of the Chairman. Each item on the agenda will include the following information: the bill number, primary sponsor, an abbreviated bill title, and a summary of the bill including a statement of fiscal impact.

When possible, the agenda must be distributed to the members of the Committee no later than adjournment of the House on the day for which the meeting is scheduled.

A matter shall be added to the agenda for the subsequent meeting of the Committee if approved by a two-thirds vote of the appointed members of the Committee at any regularly scheduled meeting.

With unanimous consent of those members present, a matter that is not listed on the agenda may be considered at the meeting for which the agenda is prepared.

Pursuant to the provisions of S.C. Code Section 2-69-30 and Article III, Section 12, of the South Carolina Constitution, the committee or a subcommittee, in the discharge of its duties, may administer oaths and affirmations, take depositions, and receive testimony and evidence as necessary in connection with its work, study, or investigation.

6. A simple majority (13) of the appointed membership constitutes a quorum.
7. A subcommittee chairman is responsible for scheduling a meeting of the subcommittee.
8. Unless recalled by the Committee, a bill or resolution must be reported out of a subcommittee as favorable, favorable with amendments, or unfavorable to be considered by the full Committee.

A bill or resolution may be recalled from a subcommittee for consideration by the Committee by a majority vote of the members present at a Committee meeting, but the bill or resolution will not be eligible for consideration until the next meeting of the Committee.

9. The Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee may serve as a an ex-officio member of each subcommittee and may vote in any subcommittee in order to make a quorum.
10. To address the Committee, a person must be:
 - (1) a constitutional officer of the state,
 - (2) a member of the General Assembly,
 - (3) scheduled on the agenda, or
 - (4) granted permission during the meeting by the Chairman without objection of five (5) or more members of the Committee.
11. Any member of the Committee may request a roll-call vote on any question pending consideration. The Chairman shall direct a roll-call vote to be taken if at least five (5) Committee members second the requesting member's action.
12. The Chairman may vote on any issue; however, he must vote in case of a tie.
13. All hearings on legislation shall be requested in writing and shall be conducted by the subcommittee studying that legislation. With the exception of members of the General Assembly, persons requesting to be heard at a hearing shall contact the Committee office and submit a prepared statement at least twenty-four hours before the day and time of the hearing. An appropriate number of copies of a prepared statement (number determined by Committee staff) is the responsibility of the person requesting to be heard. The Chairman or subcommittee chairman, whichever is appropriate, may waive the requirement of a prepared statement.
14. Any member desiring to sign a minority report to a bill or resolution must do so or express the intent to do so to the Chairman before adjournment of the Committee meeting at which the Committee approves the bill or resolution.
15. The foregoing rules must be taken as an expression of the normal operating procedure of the Committee, but the procedure, excluding voting requirements, may be departed from with the approval of two-thirds of the Committee members present.

16. The approval of two-thirds of the appointed membership of the Committee is required to permanently change any of the foregoing rules.

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Budget Schedule 2013*

January 8 - 10:	First week of session & Budget Subcommittees Meetings
January 15 - 17:	Budget Subcommittees Meetings
January 22 - 24:	Budget Subcommittees Meetings
January 29 - 31:	Budget Subcommittees Meetings
February 5 - 7:	Budget Subcommittee Meetings
February 12, 13, or 14:	PROVISO SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
February 19** - 21:	FULL COMMITTEE BUDGET DELIBERATIONS
February 26 - 28:	FY 13/14 Appropriation Bill Printed
March 5 - 7:	Printed Appropriation Bill placed on House Member's desk
March 12** - 14:	HOUSE FLOOR BUDGET DELIBERATIONS

Important Dates:

February 5, 2013:	Deadline for Proviso Submittals
February 6, 2013:	Provisos sent for drafting
February 15, 2013:	Final BEA estimate due

* Schedule subject to change at the discretion of the Chairman.

** The Full Committee and House floor deliberations may begin on Monday of the weeks indicated.

Note: SC Code 11-11-70 provides that within five days after the beginning of each regular session of the General Assembly the Governor shall submit to the presiding officer of each house printed copies of a budget.

Note: Section 2-1-180 requires third reading of Appropriations Bill by March 31. If that does not happen the date of sine die adjournment is extended by one statewide day for each statewide day after March 31 that the House of Representatives fails to give the bill third reading.. Art. III, Sect. 36 (B)(3)(a) of the Constitution requires that after March 1 of a fiscal year, if the BEA has not declared a shortfall, Capital Reserves may be appropriated by the General Assembly in separate legislation.

Capital Reserve Fund

S. C. Constitution- Article III, Section 36 provides:

"(B) (1) The General Assembly must provide by law that if before March first the revenue forecast for the current fiscal year projects that revenues at the end of the fiscal year will be less than expenditures authorized by appropriation for that year, then the current year's appropriation to the Capital Reserve Fund first must be reduced to the extent necessary before mandating any reductions in operating appropriations."

"(B) (2) After March first of a fiscal year, monies from the Capital Reserve Fund may be appropriated by the General Assembly in separate legislation upon an affirmative vote in each branch of the General Assembly by a two-thirds of the members present and voting, but not less than three-fifths of the total membership in each branch for the following purposes:

- (a) to finance in cash previously authorized capital improvement bond projects;
- (b) to retire interest or principal on bonds previously issued;
- (c) for capital improvements or other nonrecurring purposes."

"(B) (3) (a) Any appropriation of monies from the Capital Reserve Fund as provided in this subsection must be ranked in priority of expenditure and is effective thirty days after completion of the fiscal year."